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MR. SPEAKER : If the Hon. Minister has no objection, I have no objection.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no objection.

MR. SPEAKER : Question No. 152 will be taken up tomorrow.

Bridge (Thiparappu)

* 513 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to include the construction of the Thiparappu Bridge in Thiparappu Panchayat area in the Kanyakumari district in the Third Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The Member refers to the Kalial bridge at mile 29 of the Kovilur-Kulasekaram road. The Government have already sanctioned the reconstruction of the Kalial bridge under the Second Five-Year Plan. The work of reconstructing the bridge will be commenced in February 1961.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know, Sir, the total estimated cost for the construction of this bridge?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The detailed estimate is Rs. 3.30 lakhs.

Loans

* 514 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state with reference to the Question No. 156 answered on 18th August 1960—

(*a*) the total amount of loans granted to persons belonging to Backward Classes for starting saloons, laundries and tailoring shops in 1960;

(*b*) the number of persons benefited; and

(*c*) the terms on which such loans have been granted?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The scheme is being implemented during the current year in Salem district only. The selection of beneficiaries, etc., is nearing completion. It is proposed to grant loans to about 150 persons, i.e., for about 50 persons in each of the occupations of hair-dressing, laundrying and tailoring during 1960–61 in the above district.

(*c*) The rules for the grant of loans for the above occupations are under consideration of the Government.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI : *சேலம் மாவட்டத்தில் புதியதாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வரும் இந்த திட்டத்தை மற்ற மாவட்டங்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கக்கூடிய திட்டம் இந்த அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் இப்பொழுது இருக்கிறதா? எந்த ஆட்களை எந்த பிரிவினையைக்கொண்டு பொறுக்கப்பட்டு, அந்தச் சலுகை கொடுக்க நிர்ணயிக்கப்படுகிறது?*